



College and Career Comparison

A Web Quest for 11th Grade English



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Introduction

“Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all questions.”

-William Allin

This WebQuest will take you through a process of exploring careers and colleges using the Web. It is designed to develop skills required in researching potential majors and colleges. This is only the beginning of your exploration. You will need to do much more extensive investigation before you are ready to make decisions.



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The Task

You are about to visit a series of linked resources to find information about career and college options. You will complete a Career Planning Guide as you progress through this WebQuest.





The Process (Steps One and Two)

STEP ONE:

Note: If you have the Career Planning Guide printed out, skip this step and go to step two.

Open the Career Planning Guide. Click File, Save As... to save it as your own document.

Keep this guide open. During each step of the process, you will record information your WebQuest experience in this guide.



STEP TWO:

Take an interest inventory at any one of these sites:

1st option: [Princeton Review's Career Quiz](#)

A. Create a Profile

Enter your email address, choose a password, then press the “Create My Profile” button.

Fill in your personal information and your interests, then click “Continue.”

Fill in your address and click “Finish”. (Or click the blue “Skip This Page” link at the top.)

Congratulations! You have completed a profile!

B. Take the 5-minute career quiz

Click the “College” tab, then the “Careers” tab on the left-hand side.

Take the 5-minute career quiz. Once you answer all 24 questions, STEP TWO is complete. Turn to your activity guide to fill in the necessary information, then go straight to STEP THREE.



The Process (Step Two, continued)

2nd option: [California Colleges](#) (NOTE: This is for California state colleges only.)

A. Locate the Career Quiz

Click the “Career” tab, then the “Career Self-Assessment” link.

Click the blue “My Interest Finder” link.

Read the instructions, then click the “BEGIN” button.

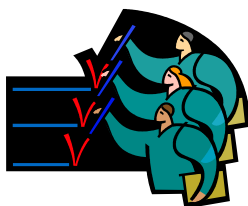
B. Create a Profile

Click the orange “Create My Account” button on the bottom of your screen.

Fill in your personal information on this page, then click “Create My Account.”

Congratulations! You have successfully created an account!

Now click “Next” to take the “My Interest Finder” survey. Once you have finished the survey, STEP TWO is complete. Fill in your activity guide, then go straight to STEP THREE.



3rd option: [MyMajors.com](#)

Click “Click to Begin the Quiz”.

Enter your personal information and click “Register Me!”

Complete all 14 pages. NOTE: For courses you haven't taken, but plan to take during your senior year, indicate how well you expect to do and how much you expect to enjoy them, rather than indicating that you didn't take them at all. This will give you better results.

Once you have finished the survey, STEP TWO is complete. Turn to your activity guide to fill in the necessary information, then move on to STEP THREE.

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The Process (Steps Three and Four)

STEP THREE:

Use the same website you used in STEP ONE to explore the potential careers you identified.

1st option: [Princeton Review Career Search](#)

2nd option: [California Colleges Career Browser](#)

3rd option: [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

Record your findings in the Career Planning Guide.



STEP FOUR:

Go to two college search engines and search for colleges that offer majors related to these careers:

[College Board's College Search](#)

[California Colleges Matching Assistant](#)

[Peterson's CollegeQuest](#)

Record your findings in the Career Planning Guide.

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The Process (Steps Five, Six and Seven)

STEP FIVE:

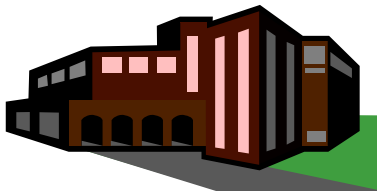
Use the [College Board's Side-by-Side Comparison](#) resource to compare three of the colleges you have listed. Record your findings in the Career Planning Guide.



STEP SIX:

Go to the [US News Personality Quiz](#) to evaluate the type of schools that might interest you most. Record your findings in the Career Planning Guide.

Click on "More detailed profile" for information in greater depth.



STEP SEVEN:

Go to one of the listed colleges' homepages and thoroughly explore their Web sites using the [College Guide Wizard](#).



Evaluation

Review your Career Planning Guide. Determine if there are other careers and colleges you should explore. Did you visit all the linked sites? Do you need more information that should be researched before making decisions? Are you prepared to present a presentation about the comparative merits of these colleges?





Conclusion

When you are satisfied with this aspect of your research, continue your non-Web phase of this college and career comparison by reading guidebooks and college brochures, going to college fairs, talking to others and visiting the schools. Ask questions and become informed about all aspects of the colleges you are considering.





Credits & References

References:

Internet Resources

<http://mymajors.com>

<http://www.bls.gov>

<http://www.californiacolleges.edu>

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

<http://www.petersons.com>

<http://www.princetonreview.com>

<http://www.usnews.com>

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